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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jacqueline Wilson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McIntyre (US 5,589,905).**

Regarding Claim 1, McIntyre teaches a control switch (referred to as an image capture button 22), a laser module (referred to as framing aid emitter 18), a shutter (col. 3, line 19) adapted to expose a film (referred to as an image capture medium; col. 3, lines 50+), and a processor (referred to as camera controller 38) electrically connected to the control switch, the laser module and the shutter to control the operation of the laser module (col. 4, lines 19+) and the shutter (col. 3, lines 13+) for producing a light frame and taking photos.

Regarding Claim 2, McIntyre teaches the control switch means is a two-step press-button switch (col. 3, lines 13-14), which drives the laser module to emit a laser beam for producing a light frame around the object to be photographed when pressed at the first time (col. 3, lines 14-15), turns off the laser module and releases the shutters to expose the film to the light of the view of the object to be photographed when pressed at the second time (col. 3, lines 15-18).

Regarding Claim 3, McIntyre teaches the control switch is a two-position switch wherein the first switch controls the laser module and the second position switch controls the shutter (col. 3, lines 15+).

Regarding Claim 5, McIntyre teaches the photo-taking apparatus is a digital camera (referred to as a still camera that records images into an electronic memory (col. 3, lines 2-3).

Regarding Claim 6, McIntyre teaches the photo-taking apparatus is a video camera (col. 3, line 4-5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McIntyre (US 5,589,905).

Regarding Claims 4 and 7, McIntyre teaches the photo-taking apparatus can any variety of image capture devices well known in the art (examples given were a still camera, a silver halide filmstrip camera, video camera, or movie camera). One having ordinary skill in the art would recognize any image capture device may include single-lens reflex camera or a digital video camera. These devices are notoriously well

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known and would have been obvious to use as a method of aiding image capturing using these types of cameras. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the photo-taking apparatus to be a digital video camera or a single-reflex camera.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacqueline Wilson whose telephone number is (703) 308-5080. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on (703) 305-4929. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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